

## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

### **Charter of the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population**

#### **Establishment**

The Secretary of Commerce, having determined that it is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law on the Department of Commerce, and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, hereby renews the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### **Objectives and Duties**

1. The Committee will provide advice on ways to increase the participation of the African American population in the 2010 Reengineered Census of Population and Housing, including the American Community Survey (ACS).
2. The Committee will address decennial policy, research results, test censuses, and other activities to review 2010 Census plans, procedures, and methods, with the goal of reducing the differential undercount for all population groups, including those who are hard to enumerate.
3. The Committee will consider the goals of the decennial census and data-user needs from the perspective of the external user and the broader stakeholder community, both having a substantial interest and expertise in the conduct and outcome of the 2010 Reengineered Census of Population and Housing.
4. The Committee will provide formal review and feedback on working papers, reports, and other documents related to the design and implementation of the 2010 Reengineered Census. The Committee will use formal advisory committee meetings, conference calls, working groups, technology, and other means of review and communication to accomplish its goals, consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 §10.
5. The Committee will provide an organized and continuing channel of communication between the African American community and the U.S. Census Bureau on ways census data can be disseminated for maximum usefulness to the African American population and other users.
6. The Committee will function solely as an advisory body with respect to the matters described above and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

### **Members and Chairpersons**

1. The Committee will consist of nine members who will be appointed to three-year terms by, and serve at the discretion of, the Secretary of Commerce. Members will be selected in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce and Federal Advisory Committee Act guidelines. The Committee will be comprised of representatives from the public and private sectors, community-based organizations, academic institutions, and other individuals, as appropriate, from the public at large.
2. Committee members may serve no more than three consecutive three-year terms. All members will be reevaluated at the conclusion of each three-year term, with the prospect of renewal, pending advisory committee needs (technical, geographic, demographic, or otherwise) and the Secretary's concurrence.
3. Active attendance and participation in advisory committee meetings and activities (i.e., conference calls and assignments) will be a key factor considered when determining term renewal or membership continuation. Missing one meeting a year can result in membership termination. Lack of participation in other committee activities (i.e., working groups and conference calls) also can result in membership termination.
4. A Chairperson and Vice-Chair will be elected every two years. There is no limit on the number of times an individual can serve in these positions.
5. The Vice-Chair of the 2010 Census Advisory Committee will serve as an ex-officio member to the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population in a non-voting capacity.
6. On an annual basis, the Chair of the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population, along with the Chairs of the Census Advisory Committees on the American Indian and Alaska Native, the Asian, the Hispanic, and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations will designate one of the chairs or vice-chairs of the five Committees to serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the 2010 Census Advisory Committee.

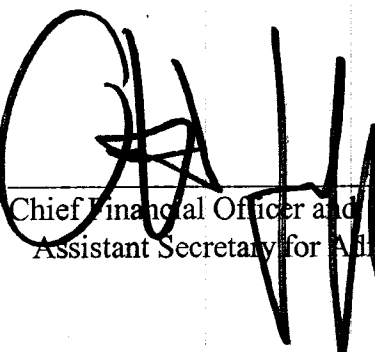
### **Administrative Provisions**

1. The Committee will report to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau.
2. The Committee will meet at least once a year, budget permitting. The Director or Designated Federal Officer is responsible for approving the date, location, and agenda for each meeting. The Designated Federal Officer or designated replacement will be present throughout each meeting.

3. The Designated Federal Officer for the Committee will be designated by the Director, U.S Census Bureau.
4. The Census Bureau will provide staff support for the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population.
5. The annual cost of operating the Committee is estimated to average about \$180,000, including 1.20 person years of staff support.
6. The U.S. Census Bureau will not compensate members of the Committee for their services, but will, upon request, reimburse travel expenses as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.

**Duration**

The Committee will terminate two years from the date of the filing of this charter with the appropriate United States Senate and U.S. House of Representatives Oversight Committees, unless it is earlier terminated or renewed by proper authority.



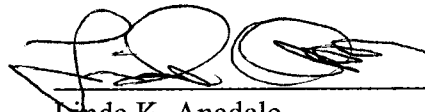
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Pursuant to subsection 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this charter was filed with the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration on February 2, 2006. On the same date, a copy was filed with the following committees of Congress, and a copy furnished to the Library of Congress:

- Senate Committee on Appropriations
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
- Senate Committee on Finance
- House Committee on Appropriations
- House Committee on Government Reform

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